(d) Government have recently increased sectoral cap for FDI in (i) Telecom sector from 49% to 74%, (ii) Civil Aviation sector from 40% to 49% and (iii) Township, housing, built-up infrastructrue and construction development projects up to 100%.

**Task Force on revision of procurement norms**

4213. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force on revision of procurement norms to ensure greater transparency, competition, fairness, and elimination of discretion in procurement of goods by Government has submitted its Report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of the Task Force; and

(d) If so, the time-frame by which the recommendations would come into effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Task Force in its recommendations has suggested ways an means for bringing in greater efficiency, economy, accountability and transparency in public procurement system.

Based on the recommendations of the Task Force, three separate Working Groups have been set up by the Government for preparation of standard documents for 'Goods', 'Works' and 'Consultancy'.

**Outstanding debt of Tamil Nadu**

4214. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of debt arrears outstanding against the State Government of Tamil Nadu as on date;

(b) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu has made any representation in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantum of annual interest being paid by the State Government on these arrears?